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Application No. : 09/726,589
Applicant : ERIK KRIMM, *et al.*
Filed : December 1, 2000
TC/A.U. : 3679
Examiner : Ernesto GARCIA

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Customer No. : 23911

Title : GEAR SHIFT MECHANISM GATE PLATE ASSEMBLY
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114
- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116
previously filed on _
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply
Brief previously filed on _
- iii. ☐ Other _
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- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _ months (not to exceed three months). The required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is included in Section 3. a. iii. below.
- b. ☐ Other

3. Fees

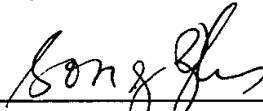
- a. ☒ The following fees are included in the payment indicated below:
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) (\$770.00/\$385.00)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee required under 37 CFR 1.136 & 1.17
- iii. Other _____
- b. ☒ Payment:
- i. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed
- ii. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fees listed above in Section 3 a i-iii to the Deposit Account of Crowell & Moring, LLP, Account No. 05-1323 (CAM No.: *)

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- iii. ☒ If a check should become detached or if there is any deficiency in fees, any necessary fees should be charged, or any overpayment in fees should be credited, to the Deposit Account of Crowell & Moring, LLP, Account No. 05-1323 (CAM No.: 038738.49427US).

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of February 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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